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I-985 NIGHT SHIFT CONTINUES THROUGH JUNE

BUFORD, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces maintenance work is planned overnights through June on I-985 from its beginning at I-85 and continues for two miles.

WHEN: Crews will work overnights Monday through Thursday from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning as weather permits. I-985 northbound work is expected to finish this week if the weather cooperates. Next week, work will be planned to begin on I-985 southbound in the outside lane. Overnight work is expected to continue through the end of June on I-985.

WHAT: I-985 is concrete. The slabs or sections of concrete are aging and maintenance work is needed to provide a smoother riding surface between the sections.

WHERE: Work will occur on I-985 north from I-85 and continue for 2 miles. The right or outside lane will be closed for concrete slab maintenance. One lane of I-85 north will be closed as it approaches I-985 allowing traffic to shift out of the work area.

Delays are expected as this work closes one of two northbound lanes on I-985 and will likely slow traffic on I-85 as well. Please avoid this area if possible overnight as work occurs.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may follow us on [Facebook](#) (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and [Twitter](#) (<http://twitter.com/gadeptoftrans>).

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